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In re Patent Application of: )  
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Serial No. 09/827,386 )  
Filing Date: April 5, 2001 )  
For: 'VIRTUAL' ENCRYPTION SCHEME )  
COMBINING DIFFERENT )  
ENCRYPTION OPERATORS INTO )  
COMPOUND-ENCRYPTION MECHANISM )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected  
Application Papers, Applicant requests entry of the following  
Preliminary Amendment.

In the Abstract:

Please delete the present Abstract and substitute  
the new Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method controllably encrypts data to be  
transmitted over a communication path between a data source  
and data receipt by passing data to be transported over the  
communication path through a first of respectively different  
encryption operators to produce a first encrypted data stream.  
This is then passed through a second selected one of

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